

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
February 2, 2017, 2016
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Nicole Stedman, Ray Thomas, Sylvain Dore, Ann Wehmeyer, Angela Lindner, Susan Schaffer, Sue Alvers, Jim Seales, Paul Davenport, Jeannine Brady, Val Minson, Melissa Johnson, David Quillen, Kent Fuchs, Joe Glover, Sabine Grunwald, and Ana Spiguel

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the January 12, 2017 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Symposium is 3:30 p.m on March 28th in the Reitz Union Chamber.
- Distinguished Professor Lectures:
 - Dr. Mark Law, Electrical and Community Engineering – February 6th
 - Dr. Kevin Jones, Material Science and Engineering - February 13th
 - Dr. Robert Ferl, College of Agriculture – February 20th
 - Dr. Michael Perfit, Geology – March 27th
 - Dr. Sivaramakrishnan Blaachander, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering – April 10th
- Sean Felton from ACFS (Advisory Committee on Faculty Senates) asked representatives from each university to provide a one page white paper on distant learning

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs reported on several incidents that have happened on campus.
- Planning continues on the Faculty Club

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The [2017 Provost's Symposium](#) last week was a success. Please contact the Provost with topic suggestions for next year.
- Search for the College of Business Dean is in the final stages
- New search has opened for Marie Zeglen's position (Assistant Provost & Director, Institutional Planning and Research). Dr. Zeglen is retiring this summer.
- Acceptance notifications go out tomorrow. UF had about 34,000 applications and accepting 11,000-12,000 students. Out of that number, UF plans about 6500 to agree to attend.

Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Studies

- [Change of B.S. Degree name from 'Astronomy' to 'Astrophysics'](#)
 - Request for a degree name change.

UF Mindfulness

Sabine Grunwald, Professor
College of Agriculture

- Dr. Grunwald explained her presentation for the Faculty Senate meeting.

Council Reports

Budget Council

James Seale, Chair

- Elaine Turner was a guest at the Budget Council's last meeting. Discussion revolved around funding CALS and how she allocates funds.
- As Budget Council Chair, Dr. Seale is a members of the University's Budget Task Force
- Committee met with Greg Dubois to see a demo of the status tool that Budget and Business Affairs have been creating for faculty use.
- Committee is writing a glossary of budget terms to roll out in the cube.

UF Quest

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- UF Quest is attached to the pre-eminence initiative and allows shared experiences for students. For example: The freshman course – *The Good Life*; sophomore year – *Social Services & National Service*
- Four task forces were formed consisting of faculty, staff and students.
- Task Force 3 is working on the third part – experiential learning. The chair, Chris Hass gave a presentation at APC.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Chris Hass gave a presentation on experiential learning and [the work of Task Force 3](#). This task force was created to design the third year of the UF Quest Experience.
- Angela Lindner gave an update on extending the grading period
- Angel Kwolek-Folland updated the council on the new course evaluation instrument.

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Jodi Gentry, Vice President Human Resources explained [implementing the climate survey](#).
- The Council discussed the customer service issues with PeopleFirst.

Research and Scholarship Council

Valrie Minson, Chair

- Haven't met since the last Steering Committee meeting.

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Submitted its report on [Required Training Programs](#)
- Dr. Stedman will forward to Bob Parks in Human Resources.

The Steering Committee approved the February 16, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.